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Please find attached a RCE, Preliminary Amendment, and Petition for Extension of Time for the above-referenced patent application.

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) TRANSMITTAL		Application Number	09/938,793
		Filing Date	August 24, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Donald L. Nisley et al.
		Group Art Number	3683
		Examiner Name	Torres, Melanie
		Attorney Docket Number	01RE025/YOD (DODG:0044)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 28, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SER/29). Instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 18, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14863 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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 - iv. Other Preliminary Amendment

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Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) (required))
- b. Other _____

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 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
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 Serial No.: 09/938,793 § Examiner: Torres, Melanie
 Filed: August 24, 2001 §
 For: SEALING SYSTEM FOR BEARING § Atty Docket: DODG:0044/YOD
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 7, 13, and 22 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A bearing assembly, comprising:
 a bearing insert;
 a bearing housing adapted to house the bearing insert;
 a cover removably securable to the bearing housing; and
 a rotatable flinger secured to the cover, the rotatable flinger comprising:

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